

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda/Minutes – March 29, 2016 – 7 P.M.

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2016 Officers:

President – Glenn Barnes
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Danny Carey	Carin Smith
Mary Molinaro	Linda Percy
Maggie Herman	Irwin Kramer
Mark Stewart	Charles Brittain
Herb Weiss	Pat Brooks

**“Reisterstown’s Main Street is a Destination.
Not Just a Drive Through Road.”**

Welcome our Newest Members:

Flowers by Joanne – Joanne Turner – 32 Main Street
Stephanie Boston
Relics of Olde – Fred Shamer – 237 ½ Main Street

1. Call to order – introductions of those attending.

Attendees – Glenn Barnes, Kim Drapkin, Irwin Kramer, Ernie Schmidhauser, Herb Weiss, Kathy Gambrell, Mary Molinaro, Pat Brooks, John Barnard, Mike Ruby, Tony Baysmore, Mark Stewart, Tina Asher, Susan Rose, Laura George, Nancy Severns, Betty Ann Rigney, Dan Carey, Linda Percy, Brad Sharpless, Mary Ellen Morrison, Bob Sanmarco, Jimmy Roberts, Amy Bober-Schenerman, Stacy Gillis, Clavin Reter, Elaine Latham, Karen Fitchett.

2. Review of minutes from last meeting There were no suggested changes to last month’s minutes so they were unanimously approved as written.

3. Treasurers report – Kim Drapkin the Balance Sheet as of March 28, 2016 and the Profit & Loss Report for March, 2016 were distributed. Kim explained the values on each report and our balance as of that date is \$11,665.02.

4. Membership Report – Kathy Gambrell – Renewals & New Members \$25 yr. To remain on the website roster our annual \$25 dues must be paid. If you check our site and your name is missing your membership has probably expired. We would like

you to renew your membership and have your name appear on our roster again.

There were 28 renewals and 3 new members this month. Great job Kathy! Renewals included Long & Foster (Glenn Barnes), Compassionate Tax Service (Alice Reid), Linda Percy, Steuart, Ensor & Smith (Shirley Smith), Reisterstown Auto Parts (Ken Strevig), Ernie Schmidhauser, David Powers, Shaneybrook Plumbing (Dan Carey), Bransfield Motor Company(John Eichler, Jr.), Whitcraft Transmission (Harry Diehl), Elias Rizakos, Main Street Electric Company (Scott Bowers), Eline Funeral Home (Jeff Eline), East Coast Electric (David McGettigan), Farmers & Merchants Bank (Wendy Panek), Maureen & Charlie Hoppa, Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (Chris Larkins), Kramer & Connelly (Irwin Kramer), Ionic Lodge #145 A.F. & A. M. (Robert Reynolds), Elephants Trunk (Barbara Burdette), Chartley Homeowners Association (Ernie Schmidhauser), Baltimore T-Shirt (Steve Sherfy), A.R.M. Security Systems (Zach Odani), Fink School of Traditional Art (Alan Fink), Brad Knatz, Ristorante Firenze (Brian & Larry Leonardi), and Jiffy Lube (Matt Blauvelt). New members included Stephanie Boston, Relics of Olde (Fred Shamer), and Flowers by Joanne (Joanne Turner). Thank you to our renewing members and new members. We appreciate your support of RIA.

- 5. Lamppost and Main Street Banners – Mary Molinaro – Renewals - \$50 for a 12 month rental after the 1st year. Renewal letters are sent to the businesses. Details under Old Business below. New banners cost \$150. We have twelve more being made and hopefully installed this week.** Mary said that all banners have been hung for this project. We will collect the \$50 renewal fee for the 2nd year in 2017.

President's Report

Our CRAG Grant application was approved by the Baltimore County Department of Planning in February. I have signed documents and we are waiting for signatures of Representatives of different County Departments. We expect to receive 75% of the amount of the grant (\$7,500.00) in April.

Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information. Just an FYI for everyone if they are having any issues they need resolved.

Raffle tickets were printed to benefit the Bloomin ArtFest. Prize is 2 terrace box tickets plus a parking pass (for 4 games) to park on the lot between Oriole Park and M&T Bank Stadium where the Ravens play. Glenn donated the 4 sets of tickets being raffled and paid to have the raffle tickets printed. Glenn said that he has tickets for anyone who wants to purchase or is willing to take some to sell.

Coffee with Kevin at Hannah More Senior Center with Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz will be on Thursday, March 31 from 9:30 – 11:30am. Tony said that Kevin is very supportive of all we do in Reisterstown. He looks forward to meeting with people in our area. Attachments were provided with the agenda announcing the event.

Glenn announced that Delegate Adrienne Jones, Speaker Pro Tem in Annapolis appropriated \$25,000.00 for the cemetery committee to use to repair the walls. The entire room broke out into applause. We are most grateful for this cemetery gift.

Glenn also reviewed other handouts he attached to the Agenda which included:

1. The article from the Baltimore Sun announcing “Greenberg Gibbons buys Reisterstown shopping center for \$35 million” Everyone is excited to see the facelift and proposed design which shows the addition of a Chick-Fil-A on a Pad fronting Reisterstown Road and the driveway will be moved further north bordering the Hannah More property.
2. The article from the Baltimore Business Journal announcing “Owings Mills Mall remnants – from escalators to flag poles – head to auction” - The auction will be held next month and the \$75 million development will begin with the demolition of the property to turn the original retail structure into an open-air center.

Main Street Committee Reports

We have 5 committees

If you would like to be on one of our committees please let us know. Each committee chair will give a report tonight.

Organization Committee – **Mary Molinaro** – at our March 23rd meeting we reviewed the reports from Quickbooks and the budget vs. actual reports for our committees which have their own budgets (Bloomin’ ArtFest and Music on Main Street). They also discussed grant writing opportunities and were happy that Linda was able to complete and submit an Arts Grant to help with the cost of the Music on Main Street Events before that deadline. Mary will meet with an eagle scout Wednesday who is looking to complete a project to replace the railings on the walkway between the Reisterstown United Methodist Church and the library parking lot. We may help them complete an application for a community grant with Constellation for up to \$500. We discussed the possibility of one Town Hall meeting each year and morning meetings as well as the possibility of history tours.

Economic Restructuring Committee – **New Chairperson TBD** Glenn said that he has offered the position to two people he thinks would be good for this committee. However, he hasn’t heard from either one.

Design Committee - + Website Designer – Irwin Kramer Irwin has been hard at work on the new website. He hopes to have an announcement that it is ready to launch in the next week. He explained that old style websites were flat files like brochures for a business while our new website will be a content sharing site. It is interactive and works with all devices (computers, iPads, phones) and there are comprehensive membership directories. He encouraged members to review their profiles, provide more information and possibly a picture. He plans to allow members access so they can add events that are happening locally to the calendars. We will work on sending the newsletters/weekly updates from the new website. He is looking for the committees to write articles for the website so there is new and interesting information changing all the time. Linda asked what will happen with the old website. Irwin said that we will keep the domain name and when someone types www.reisterstownimprovementassociation.com they will be directed to the new website www.reisterstownimprovement.com. He said that he has been trying to negotiate with someone who owns the domain name www.reisterstown.com. However, he hasn't been able to get the price down. It is still more than \$2,000.00. There was a handout outlining the various aspects to consider with website development. Irwin hopes to have a business buy a banner ad. However, he will not wait much longer before he goes ahead and announces it for everyone to see. The Main Menu of the website will include Home; About Us (Our Mission, Officers & Directors, Meeting Minutes, Committes of Clean, Safe & Green – Design – Economic Restructuring – Organization & Promotion); Upcoming Events; Membership Directory (Community Resources – Residents – Restaurants – Services – Shops); Join/Contributions [TBD]; Contact Us. The Front Page has a slideshow promoting major events and key initiatives up front and Special Features.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee – Dan Carey – Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, April 2, 2016. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. This Saturday morning please join us. Dan has been having this monthly event for 3 years now and always welcomes volunteers. They provide gloves, trash bags, and safety vests for everyone.

Promotion Committee – Carin Smith – Great job Saturday with Eggstravaganza – she sent an email which Kathy read to the group. Eggstravaganza was a success. We had 12 PEEPS entries that were on display at the library and we raised \$125. Thank you to the businesses that entered: Ristorante Firenze, Hailey's Hair Studio, Tina's Antiques and Jewelry, Zen Spa, and Things you You Love. There were also 6 residents and we had a Music on Main Street display that Kathy made for RIA. Reisterstown United Methodist Church was a great partner holding the egg hunt and crafts. Thank you to Brad Knatz for allowing us to use the parking lot on his property and Bay Country Rental for donating, setting up and breaking down the tent. Thank you to Zen Spa and Relay Foods which both had a table at the RIA tent and children's activities. Thank you to the library which held three different story times for the young children. The Easter Bunny was a big hit!

Thank you to Iced Gems for giving a dozen cupcakes to the bunny who made a visit during their special tasting event. Thank you to Alan Fink who donated the grand prize of a Semester Class to the winner. Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day successful which included Claude Brooks, Dan Carey, Kathy Gambrell, Mary Molinaro, Bess Hauf, Carol Holland, Ernie Schmidhauser, and Jimmy, Jen & Zack Roberts. We look forward to holding the event again next year!

Officers and Board Member comments? Pat reported that she contacted the state about the lack of work being done at the Chatsworth Ave. intersection and Cockeysmill Road intersections. Janelle who is Adrienne Jones' assistant worked tirelessly to track down the project which it turns out wasn't being recognized by any of the offices as their project. They finally got back on track and the hope is that all will be finished by the end of April. They can't remove the old lights until the new ones are operational. Mary reported that work has started on the porches at 218 Main Street and it looks like it won't be much longer that the front will be completed.

- 6. Music on Main Street Committee – Dan Carey and Glenn – Glenn has 14 bands planned for 2016. The committee discussed the bands and dates at our last committee meeting. We have added a Memorial Day Weekend Friday that would make 13 dates. We will offer a Memorial Day concert on Friday – May 27 and a 4th of July patriotic show. We are releasing the schedule of bands tonight. There will also be a 14th band at Bloomin' ArtFest.** Glenn distributed the new business cards with the band names on the back. He talked about going to see many of these bands at Padonia Ale House which is closing its doors this weekend. He has been introducing the names of the new bands each week on Facebook over the last few weeks to build excitement and anticipation and there have only been positive comments and people anxious for the concerts to start again. He asked some bands to return because they had between 1300 and 1500 attendees on those nights – a big attraction. Mary reminded everyone that we are in the process of getting the 2016 sponsors and thanked Ernie for following up with all of those who were sponsors in 2015 and were emailed an invoice for 2016 but haven't yet paid. We are also hoping to get new sponsors. We have the original \$295 and highlight a “Diamond Sponsor” if the donation is \$750 or greater. We are also looking this year for “Band Sponsors” who are a business contributing enough to pay for a band and on that night they may set up displays and have extra signs advertising their business to all attendees.

7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 by John Reister) – Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins** – Linda said that their website has drawn between 20,000 and 30,000 hits with one woman from Florida volunteering to help. They just aren't sure how they can include her in projects considering the distance. She was very pleased to hear about the state money to help the cemetery. Last year the new gates were installed; but, they worried about the possibility of them being stolen. They had Krug & Son which happens to be the company which made the original gates so many years ago create "stops" for the gates so they can't be lifted and take away.
8. **"Bloomin' Art Fest" Committee – Mark Stewart – May 7, 2016 from 10AM to 5PM.** Mark said we just held a planning meeting and everything is falling in place for a very successful event. We have vendors signing up; but, could always use volunteers on event day for setup and helping with the activities. Pat let everyone know that we are looking for donations for prizes with the Bingo Game. Anyone with a business in the audience was encouraged to offer something or a community member might purchase something from a store and donate it as a prize. You can call Pat @ 410-833-8215, Mark @ 410-526-5106, or simply come to the next planning meeting on April 12th @ 5:30pm at Long & Foster. We are hoping to announce a prize winner every fifteen minutes to keep people visiting/shopping at the various craft booths.
9. **Capt. David Folderauer, Commander of the Franklin Precinct, will have Representatives from his Community Action Team attend tonight's meeting. Friends to Police Exploring Posts 9903 and 9904 Bingo Night at Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company – 40 E. Sudbrook Lane. Doors open at 5PM and games begin at 6PM. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Contact Andy Kauffman at 410-887-6985 for tickets.** He was unable to attend tonight or send anyone from the precinct. Glenn reminded everyone that while this event is in Pikesville April 9th, it will also help the Explorer group that helps us with parking cars at the Music on Main Street concerts each Friday.
10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown – Missing or Found Pets and Restaurant reviews are popular lately.** – Glenn commented that it still seems to be the case.
11. **Owings Mills Mall Remnants Online Auction – April 13, 11:30AM – April 21, 11:30AM** Glenn had a flier in the agenda packet with information about the event.
12. **Old Business:**
Farmers Market – Alice Reid will not be in charge of the Farmers Market this year and a new location and chairperson is needed. Does RIA want to step in and run this event in 2016? We discussed this at our last meeting. Several location were mentioned. Should it remain on Sunday or changed to Saturday? Kim said that she has 4 vendors interested and asked if anyone in the room would like to volunteer to help that day. She said that one of the vendors has agreed to manage the vendors. She is planning to do this in partnership with the 1st Maryland Regiment because they are under

the Reisterstown Rec Council and she is expecting to be able to have easy access to county owned property. With that said she wants to keep it on Sunday from 10am – 1pm and have it at Franklin Middle School on the front circle where the Bloomin’ ArtFest is held and Music on Main Street concerts. She is going to try to get at least 6 vendors and will visit the school tomorrow. She will start the process of getting the facilities permit. She wants to start the last weekend of June and continue until the first weekend of October. Mark made a motion that we have a Farmers Market for 2016, Pat seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. You can contact Kim at kedrapkin@gmail.com or 443-289-4447.

13. New Business

Calvin said that the Ski Shoppe is looking to rent to someone. He commented on the fact that we had 2 restaurants close in the last two months and had a long wait when he went to the Reisterstown Diner. Hopefully we will have more restaurants open.

Pat said that she reported 2 unlicensed cars to code enforcement.

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight’s meeting.

We will continue working with Elaina Clarke – The Community Times, Michael Ruby with The Country Crier, Sarah Meehan with the Baltimore Business Journal, the Baltimore County Planning Department, Department of Economic Development, the County Executive’s Office and the Main Street Maryland Program.

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Kim Drapkin – Treasurer / 443-289-4447

Mary Molinaro – Secretary – Board/ 410-908-0724 or 410-526-7190

Linda Percy – Board / 410-833-2062 or 410-244-6634

Dan Carey – Board / 410-833-3820

Maggie Herman – Board / 410-833-5019 or 410-453-0490

Mark Stewart – Board / 410-241-1057

Irwin Kramer – Board / 410-581-0070

Carin Smith – Board / 410-746-2354

Charles Brittain – Board / 410-526-4443

Herb Weiss – Board / 410-526-5300

Pat Brooks – Board / 410-833-8215

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 26th - 7pm at the Long & Foster office 321 Main St.

Tuesday, May 31st - 7PM at the Long & Foster office 321 Main St.

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